been served on 5537 illegal migrants. Special drives have been taken up for expulsion of the untraced illegal migrants who became untraceable immediately after declaration as such or on receipt of expulsion orders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

Merger of Five North-Eastern States

1256. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any circular seeking opinion of the five Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States on a proposal for the merger of five existing States into a single State has been issued in July, 1996;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Chief Ministars thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Entorcing Sixth Schedule of the Constitution in Tribal Majority Areas

1257. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to enforce Sixth Schedule of the Constitution in contiguous areas where tribals are in majority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Governments have sent proposals for enforcement of the Sixth Schedule in their respective States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government is examining a proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) State Governments of Manipur and Madhya Pradesh have sent proposals. Government of Manipur had earlier proposed constitution of a single Autonomous District Council under the Sixth Schedule covering the entire hill areas of the State and subsequently proposed consitution of 4 Autonomous District Councils. State Government of Madhya Pradesh, on the other hand, has proposed to amend Article 244 and Fifth and Sixth Schedules of the Constitution to extend provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Districts of Jhabua, Mandla and Bastar.

संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में राजस्थानी भाषा को शामिल किया जाना

1258. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजस्थानी भाषा के लिए उचित मान्यता की लगातार मांग की जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार राजस्थानी भाषा को संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में समाविष्ट करने हेतु कोई कदम उठा रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (ग) राजस्थानी सहित अनेक भाषाओं को, भारत के संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने के बारे में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं। सचिव (राजभाषा) की अध्यक्षता में एक समिति का गठन किया गया है ताकि इसके लिए वस्तुगत मानदण्डों का एक सेट तैयार किया जा सके जिसके अनुसार इस प्रकार के सभी प्रस्तावों की जांच करके उन्हें अंतिम रूप से निपटाया जा सके।

भारत म्यांमार सीमा पर लकड़ी की तस्करी

1259 **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सुरक्षा बलों जैसे असम राइफल्स और सीमा सुरक्षा बल (बी०एस०एफ०) की निगरानी के बावजूद भारत-म्यांमार सीमा पर लकड़ी की तस्करी में अब भी वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) ऐसी तस्करी को रोकने हेतु सरकार क्या-क्या कदम उठा रही है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

(ग) भारत-म्यामांर सीमा के साथ-साथ तस्करी की रोकथाम करने के लिए निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए गए हैं:—

(i) नाकाओं और गश्त को बढ़ा कर सतर्कता तेज कर दी गई है; और

(ii) सीमा पर और अधिक चौकसी रखने के लिए दूर्बीनें, धूप के चश्मे, ट्विन टेलिस्कोप, नाईट विजन बाईनोकुलर्स और हैण्ड-हैल्ड-सर्च लाईट्स उपलब्ध कराई गई है।

Schooling of Criminals in U.P.

1260. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of criminals do their schooling in petty crimes in the fertile grounds of the Wild West of sprawling Uttar Pradesh and after specialization in kidnapping and murder reach the Capital;

(b) if so, the number of such criminals arrested/liquidated so far by Government and how many of them are still at large; and

(c) the steps taken to arrest them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Abolition of inhuman and condemnable punishment

1261. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman, National Human Rights Commission has written a letter to Government to call for an urgent meeting under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to consider the appeal of the UN on the inhuman and condemnable means of punishment;

(b) if so, the details of the appeal of the UN received as such by Government and by when the meeting is likely to be called; and

(c) the details of the inhuman and condemnable means of punishment; and the steps Government propose to take to abolish them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) No appeal has been received by the Government of India from the UNO on the inhuman and condemnable means of publishment. However, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission has written a letter requesting for a meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding Convention against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment which was adopted by consensus by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10th December, 1984.

(c) Though there are punishments provided for in Indian Penal Code/Criminal Procedure Code for various kinds of offences, there are, however, no inhuman and condemnable means of punishment under the Indian Laws.

Collection of protection money from truck and bus drivers by Delhi Police

1262. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a thriving organised racket in the collection of protection money from truckers by the officials of the traffic Police in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have come across reports wherein it has been noticed that such proceeds, running into several crores are report to be shared till several rungs up the police hierarchy;